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A **PRESS CONFERENCE** will be held **Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 12 noon**

PURPOSE: Maine's **first in the nation** Citizen's Initiative to direct our state legislature to submit an application to Congress for a Constitutional Convention for the sole and only purpose of overruling the Supreme Court's controversial decision, *Citizens United*, and therefore establish that corporations are not people and money is not speech.

After the Press Conference, the signatories and supporters will proceed to the Office of the Secretary of State to submit the application for approval.

WHERE: WELCOME CENTER, State House

WHO: Senator Edward Youngblood (Republican, Senate District 31, Hancock and Penobscot Counties) will sign as the sixth and final official signatory as a designated voter on the *We The People Maine Initiative* at the press conference. One official applicant and five designated voters are required for this initiative, most of whom are expected to be present:

Naomi Cohen, applicant, We the People Maine Coordinator

Philip Worden, designated voter, Attorney

Dave Marshall, designated voter, Portland City Counselor

Jacqui Deveneau, designated voter, Chair of Greater Portland Move To Amend

Bruce Gagnon, designated voter, Member Maine Veteran's for Peace / Director of Global
Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space

"Our precious democracy is in peril; imagine being an elected official today, knowing that if you support the people's needs over corporate greed, you will be defeated with an avalanche of corporate money in the next election." - Naomi Cohen

Details:

We The People Maine Initiative

Summary: We The People Maine Initiative proposes safeguarding access to the political process for all United States citizens regardless of income by directing the Maine legislature to submit an application to the United States Congress for a constitutional convention of the states for the sole purpose of drafting and submitting for passage a constitutional amendment establishing that:

1. Corporations Are Not People;
 2. Money is not speech for election purposes.
- Upon approval, *We the People Maine* will launch a campaign to collect over 60,000 signatures of registered voters across the State of Maine to mandate the State Legislature to call for a Constitutional Convention.
 - It will take two-thirds of the states to pass a similar Initiative to successfully convene a Constitutional Convention. At the Convention, delegates from all the states will work out the final language of this Constitutional Amendment and send it back to the states for final ratification. It takes 3/4 of the states to ratify the amendment.

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